The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

May 29th, 2005

Faith Sharing Readings and Questions

Hosea 6: 3-6 Romans 4: 18-25 Matthew 9: 9-13

Theme: God invites us into a relationship of love.

Question for Adults: God invites each of us into a special relationship. What will you do this week to nurture that love relationship with God?

Question for Children: Jesus calls each of us to be a disciple and to love each other. What will you do this week to show your love for Jesus and for your family?

Mon., May 30, 2005
Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8 Mk 12:1-12
10:00 a.m. Mass at Piedmont Cemetary
Office Closed Memorial Day

Tues., May 31, 2005
Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-56
8:00 a.m. Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Bible Study
"The Great Adventure through the Bible"
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts meet

Wed., June 01, 2005
Memorial of Saint Justin, martyr
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Mk 12:18-27
6:00 p.m. Home Mass – Thrall's Home
6:30 p.m. – NCYC Meeting in church basement
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Food Pantry – 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Thur. June 02, 2005
Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Mk 12:28-34
8:00 a.m. Mass
Intention:
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fri., June 03, 2005
The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30
No Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sat., June 04, 2005
Daily Reading
Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 Lk 2:41-51
Sunday Reading
Hos 6:3-6 Rom 4:18-25 Mt 9:9-13
9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Food Pantry
5:00 p.m. Mass
Intention: Repose of Chuck Volin
Ministry Schedule:
Bread Baker: Betsy Van Asma; all three masses
Altar Servers*: Marissa Pitsor, Jacqui Osnes, Barry Vargo*
Euch. Min.: Body: Greg Sass
Blood*: John Wang, Jerry Silbernagel, Joni Osnes, Estela Haakedahl*
Lector: Cathy Wang & Greg Sass
Sacristan: Cathy & John Wang
Usher: Diane & Joe Norman
Music: Family Choir

Sun., June 05, 2005
Hos 6:3-6 Rom 4:18-25 Mt 9:9-13
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Linsey Venjohn
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers*: Lexie & Kristina Hammerquist & Kerry Wilson*
Euch: Min.: Body*: Kathy Amiotte*
Blood*: Bard & Gary Erickson, Jean Schubauer & Brenda Czmowski*
Lector*: Jean Schubauer & Jay Hammerquist*
Sacristan: Barb & Gary Erickson
Ushers*: George & Nancy Nadzadi*
Music*: Regina's Minstrels*

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Doughnuts

11:00 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist
Intention: For the baptism of Hannah Gehlsen
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: Whitney Werdel, Erika Graham & Tyler Corbine
Euch: Min.: Body*: Mary Blauvelt*
Blood: Brad Blauvelt, Jim McCormick, Jan Schurman & Jim Hoag
Lector*: Jerry Meyer & Brad Blauvelt*
Sacristan*: The Blauvelt Family*
Ushers*: James Pulaski & Jim Hoag*
Music: Folk Group

7:00 p.m. – Taize Prayer

Congratulations to Melony & Tyler Jenkins on their marriage to each other Saturday May 28th

Congratulations to Dennis & Steven Schacher on the baptism of baby Logan Matthew Steven and to Clint & Nicole Mollman on the baptism of baby Jada Nicole

Memorial Day Mass There will be a Memorial Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. at the Piedmont Cemetery, Monday May 30th.

*****The Parish office will be closed May 30th, Memorial Day*****

Thank you to Cathy & John Wang for the new flag for the flag pole and the lights that will shine on it at night!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sparks From Mark

Last weekend we launched our pledge drive to raise the $125,000.000 needed for our worship space and classroom project. We had a very successful first weekend in which we raised over half of the funds needed—61 parishioners pledge $63, 299.00. We are off to a great start!

It is our goal to finish our pledge drive within the next two weeks. We want to have the $125,000.00 pledge by Sunday June 5. I know that this will be possible if every one in the parish will commit themselves to a two year pledge, and I know for many, this will be a great sacrifice.

Our hope and goal is that everyone in the parish will fill out a pledge card regardless of how much one is able to pledge, that is between you and the Lord to decide the amount. I think it is interesting to note that as we launched our pledge drive last weekend the daily readings for Mass on this past Tuesday May 24, affirms God blessings and generosity to those who give with an open heart. We read in Sirach 35. 7-10:

"In a generous spirit pay homage to the LORD,
be not sparing of freewill gifts.
With each contribution show a cheerful countenance,
and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy.
Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.

For the LORD is one who always repays,
and he will give back to you sevenfold."

Let this reading from Sirach touch our hearts and let God multiply our gifts seven fold.

Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament A Resource of the *Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy* USCCB Publishing

12. How often should adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament occur? "It is recommended that in… churches and oratories [where the Eucharist is regularly reserved] an annual solemn exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament be held for an appropriate period of time, even if not continuous, so that the local community more profoundly meditates on and adores the eucharstic mystery." Thus, every pastor should arrange annually for solemn exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Taize Prayer
Sunday, June 5, 7-8 p.m.
Our Lady of the Black Hills
"What is Taize" video shown at 6 p.m.
Taize prayer is centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ. You are welcome to practice heartfelt devotion to God through silent prayer, meditative singing, and scripture reading.

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*

Geri Rosamalia – Improved health
Ray Hume – Improved health
Joe Creek – Improved health
John Mohn – Improved health
Tom Hislop – Improved health
Dorothy Johnson – Repose
Elizabeth Rohrbach – Improved health
Mary Jo Spencer – improved health
Justin Judy- improved health
John Schmitz – improved health
Terry Roseland – improved health
Vickie Bergeron – improved health

STEWARDSHIP
May 21st & May 22nd
General Collections

Loose	$731.50
Envelopes	$2,930.23
Votive	$9.75
Student	$72.29
Seminarian Fund	$100.00
Basket Auction & Dinner	$6,643.86
Vacation Bible School	$125.00
Total	$10,612.63

Current Building Renovation Pledge Drive Total as of May 22nd
$63,299.00

Vacation Bible School, "Serengeti"

Where kids are WILD about God
June 6-10, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Call 787-5168 to register your children for this awesome Bible-learning adventure.

Registration deadline is June 1st.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register, or if you would like any information on the groups, ministries or committees, please call Teresa in the parish office to request a registration form or register online at OLBH.org

Diocesan News:

The annual Father/Son Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday, June 18. Please meet at OLBH at 8:00 a.m. We will hike up to Bethlehem Cave, celebrate mass and have a sack lunch. For more information please contact Fr. Brian Christensen at 484-8940 or Godscall@diorc.org

Vocations Awareness Camps for Young Adults The Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Rapid City is offering the following camps for young men and women ages 18-35. Join Fr. Brian Christensen and Susan Safford for a weekend of fun, fellowship and prayer in the great outdoors.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats give any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion, the opportunity to experience God's mercy and compassion by helping you acknowledge and release your repressed feelings of anger, shame , guilt and grief. The next retreat will be held June 17-19 in the Rapid City area. Contact Carol Kling at (605)374-5639, ckling@sdplains.com; or Linda Syman at (605)642-3514, lindasy@rushmore.com for information.

St. Therese, the Little Flower
28th Annual RUMMAGE SALE
532 Adams Street, Rapid City
(North of the Civic Center and 2 blocks west of Haines)
Friday, June 3 - 7 am - 4 pm
Saturday, June 4 - 7 am - Noon
In the Church Basement
Proceeds go towards World Youth Day Fund and Church Improvement Fund

"Faith Works Across the USA" To Air
"Faith Works Across the USA" is a one-hour documentary program that looks at some of the ways Catholics are living out their faith. Bishop Cupich is shown administering the sacrament of confirmation at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Rapid City. Native American culture is incorporated into Catholic worship during the ceremony. KOTA TV is donating the broadcast time for the program, which was produced by the U.S. Conference of Bishops Catholic Communications Campaign. The program will air at 1:00 p.m. (MDT) on Sunday, June 5 on KOTA TV.

Adoptive Family Picnic Catholic Social Services will hold its annual Adoptive Family Picnic on July 30 this year. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this fun-filled event! Bring a dish to share and join us on July 30, noon, Dacotah Cement Plant Park, Rapid City...please RSVP to CSS 348-6086 or 1-800-727-2401

Need a Perfect ct Job?
This job is for the person who wants to work around their children's school schedule. The Rapid City Catholic Schools has part-time positions available in the Food Service Department beginning with the school year 2005-2006. These openings are 4-5 hours a day. For more information contact Rita Strand at 348-1477 (days) 574-4355 (evenings) or leave a message. You may also fill out an application before June 30th at either St. Elizabeth or St. Thomas More.

Niobrara Canoe Trip – June 3-5
Backpacking in the Big Horn Mountains – July 1-3 For more information or a registration form please contact the Office of Vocations at 343-3541 or sthompson@diorc.org

For the Ride Home

The Body of Christ
May 29, 2005

Scripture

- Who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its seraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, (Deuteronomy 8:15,16)
- With the best of wheat he fills you. (Psalm 147:14)
- The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? 1 Corinthians 10:16)
- Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. (John 6:53)
- For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. (John 6:55)

Reflection

- Have you journeyed through the desert of hard times or spiritual despair? Was God with you? Was a community with you?
- Do you journey alone or with a community?
- Is your community limited to those who are living now?
- Will you starve without the Lord's presence in the Eucharist?
- Is the Eucharist an individual or community celebration?

We tend to think of individual human beings as unconnected until they choose to become connected either because it is useful or because of some natural attraction. But there is an important biblical alternative to this interpretation, in many ways countercultural. We are all children of the same God, with the same earth as our common home. We are inter-related and interdependent. We have no choice about whether we live in relationship. Our only choices are whether we tell the truth about our social existence and whether we live in ways that redeem the relational web that is always and forever the matrix of our becoming.

It (Body of Christ) is a way of being in the world with one another and with Christ because of who God is. The body of Jesus in life, the Body of Christ in the Easter event, the Body of Christ who we are, the Body of Christ in the Eucharist, and the Body of Christ that we become more fully in the resurrection of the body – all these belong together in Body's (of Christ) total meaning. [1]

[1] Lee, Bernard J,, S.M., The New Dictionary of Catholic Spirituality, edited by Michael Downey, Liturgical Press: Collegeville, MN p. 101, 104.